THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G.ROHINI

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WRIT PETITION No.6906 of 2006

ORAL ORDER:

Petitioner seeks a writ of *Mandamus* declaring the alleged inaction on the part of the respondents in issuing licence to the petitioner to run additional TFT counters as per the report of the third respondent dated 16-03-2005 as arbitrary and illegal.

The material on record shows that the petitioner, who claims to be a toddy tapper, made an application for TCS/TFT and the 3rd respondent-Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Kurnool having conducted the tappers' test, submitted a report dated 16-03-2005 to the Joint Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, proposing to establish additional TFT counters in different villages. The only grievance of the petitioner is that in spite of the fact that such a report was submitted long back on 16-03-2005, the respondents failed to take any action to issue licenses to the petitioner to run additional TFT counters.

An identical question has been considered in W.P.No.17279 of 2005 which was disposed of by this Court by order dated 03-03-2006 with a direction to the respondents to consider the request of the petitioners therein in the light of the excise policy for the year 2004-2005. Since the petitioner herein also stands on the same footing, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the request of the petitioner in the light of the report submitted by the Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Kurnool dated 16-03-2005 and the Excise policy for the year 2004-2005 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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(G.ROHINI, J)

Dated:17-04-2006

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17th April, 2006.

Between:

E. Venkata Ramana Goud. .. Petitioner.

And

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise,

Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad

and three others. .. Respondents.